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BIG STATE ROAD BOND DEAL

Draft for Half Million Dollars with Interest to be Delivered to State Treasurer.

Santa Fe, N. M., July 7.—State Treasurer O. N. Marron today concluded the deal for the \$500,000, issue of state highway bonds with the firm of Kelly & Kelly, of Kansas City and Arthur Seligman of this city. A draft for the \$500,000, with interest, will be delivered to Mr. Marron tomorrow. The draft attached to the bonds will be sent to New York, where upon actual delivery, payment of the draft will be made. It is expected the money will be turned over to the state highway commission by July 15.

The difference between the par value and the present market value of the bonds will be covered by contributions from the different counties in proportion to the amount to be expended within their respective jurisdictions and by advance payment of interest from banks where the bonds are to be deposited. Agreements were received from all counties except Roosevelt at the hour of sale.

Attorney General Frank W. Clancy in the district court here today, filed a demurrer to the answer of the Southwestern Surety company in the suit instituted by the state for the collection of the \$70,000, given by Morgan O. Llewellyn as the treasurer of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

The attorney general contends, among other things, that even if the state knew of the condition of the First State Bank of Las Cruces, where the money was on deposit, it was by no means bound to divulge such information to the bonding company and such knowledge could in no wise affect the liability of the company on the bond.

The Southwestern company, in its answer filed some weeks ago, contended that the state knew of the insolvent condition of the bank at the time the bond was given, and that therefore the bond was void.

Better Freight Rates for New Mexico.

According to the associated press dispatches from Washington, the interstate commerce commission has handed down its decision in the important New Mexico freight rate case, holding that higher freight rates to intermediate New Mexico points than to El Paso, southbound and Trinidad Colorado, and Amarillo, Texas, northbound, are unreasonable and must be discontinued. The dispatch states that the decision affects both class and commodity rates of the Santa Fe and other railroads.

The reduction to New Mexico buyers will range from 21 to 28 per cent on class rates, and as high as 40 per cent on commodity rates, and probably will mean a difference of a million dollars a year. The decision means, also, that the jobbing advantages heretofore maintained by El Paso, Trinidad and Amarillo will be done away with.

The New Mexico rate case, which is known as the State of New Mexico vs. the A. T. & S. F. Railway et al, involves rates on all classes of commodities in all directions in and out of the state. It was filed with the commerce commission in January, 1913, and hearings in connection with it were held in Roswell and Albuquerque in November of that year. It was argued before the interstate commerce commission in Washington, April 11, 1914. It has been the contention of the state corporation commission that higher rates should not be charged to intermediate points in New Mexico than are charged to El Paso, southbound, and to Trinidad and Amarillo, northbound. As an example of the difference now existing, the first class rate from St. Louis to Las Vegas, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, is \$2.12, while from St. Louis to El Paso it is but \$1.59. Although Santa Fe is on a branch line, the commission is asked that it be given the same adjustments as the intermediate points in the state.

Trade with News Advertisers.

Ab. Howard of Seneca, spent Saturday in town.

Lawrence Ilfeld of Albuquerque, is in Clayton on business.

A. H. Dean is the proud possessor of a new Ford automobile.

E. C. Fain left on Wednesday for his home in Clarendon, Texas.

The Rutledge Bros. attended to business in Clayton Wednesday.

J. D. Cutlip of Tucumcari, spent several days in Clayton this week.

The Electric Boot and Shoe Shop does any and all kinds of shoe work.

Miss Loma Spurr of Trinidad, is visiting Miss Henley Wiggins for the week.

Jno. L. Albertson of Amistad has accepted a position with J. Frank Barnhart.

Hugh Stolt has accepted a position with L. A. Wikoff on the Kenton mail route.

A. MacKenzie of Kenton, transacted business in Clayton Wednesday and Thursday.

Chas. Tanner and mother left on Tuesday for a week's visit with friends in Kenton.

J. W. Fox of Des Moines, transacted business in Clayton the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Mary Chapman of Amarillo, Texas, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Chilcote.

O. D. Erskine of Otto-Johnson's left Monday for a week's visit with parents in Tucumcari.

Mrs. M. C. Johnson left the early part of the week for a visit with her parents in Roswell, N. M.

Robt. Potter of Kenton, came to Clayton Wednesday on business.

Mrs. M. E. Dailey returned Monday from Gage, Oklahoma, where she has visited for several weeks.

Mrs. Emma Stoddard came from Des Moines Wednesday where she has been for the past several weeks.

Mrs. Tom Poyner arrived Saturday from Waco, Texas, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Snyder.

Harry Loveless, son of A. C. Loveless, returned home Monday after serving in the navy for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Pennington left the first of the week for Colorado, where they will spend a few weeks vacation.

Mrs. O. C. Miller and little daughter returned Saturday to their home in Patterson after a week's visit with O. C. Miller.

Miss Vida McArthur, who will return to teach in the public schools this year, arrived in Clayton Saturday to attend institute.

Judge Lieb and Jerry Leahy of Raton and District Attorney Remley of Cimarron, are in the city this week attending court.

John Church of Guymon, Oklahoma, brought his bride to visit his brother, A. F. Church, and sister, Mrs. J. B. Flippin, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Owen returned Friday from a visit to Mr. Owen's ranch near Folsom. The trip was made in their automobile.

Clinton E. Byrne, postmaster at Des Moines, spent a few days in Clayton this week attending to business and visiting his brother, Lee E. Byrne.

C. W. Carnahan of the Eklund hotel left the first of the week for a vacation which he will spend in California. Robt. M. Thompson is working in his place.

NEWS OF THE STATE CAPITAL

Republican Gang Expected to Sit on Ely. Holt's Candidacy for U. S. Senate Not Taken Seriously.

Santa Fe, N. M., July 7.—The politicians continue to be unusually active for the season, and this activity is largely due to the fight against Catron and the insistent candidacy of Chairman Ely for the republican nomination for governor. No old line politician in the republican party wants Ely for anything but just now it looks very much like Ely through a combination with Catron, who is looking out for Catron, and no one else. However, Catron will combine with anyone else with the same number of votes to deliver before he will with Ely.

The Holt candidacy for the senate is not taken seriously by anyone because of that legislative record of his. If he didn't have that record, and a few other things to overcome, there would be opposition enough through the regular channels of political ambitions boosted by others. The republican leaders, some of them, would like to have Holt, but they are not going to make the mistake of nominating him with a popular vote to go up against. The state is not Dona Ana county.

Some of the republican newspapers continue to boom Ely for governor, and a number of democratic newspapers have recently gotten into the game. The Cuervo Clipper wants Uncle John Hicks for governor, and the proposal has met with considerable favor; the Tucumcari Sun wants either E. C. de Baca or Antonio Lucero for governor and State Senator Aldredge for lieutenant governor, and there are many who consider it a good beginning for a winning ticket.

So far there is not a single announced candidate for the United States Senate on the democratic ticket, but the politicians are talking of a number of prominent men and the indications are that there will be considerable crowding when the time comes, as some seven or eight men are in line.

Political issues are beginning to crop up, and from the present condition of the public mind it is probable that the state land office, the county salary bill and the appropriations made by the last legislature will be subjects of discussion.

The meeting of the state tax commission this month, when tax matters will be finally shaped, is going to bring that county salary measure to the front for discussion, because it has been demonstrated that it will cost the taxpayers more than the old fee system did, and the worst has not yet been told. Under the provisions of the new tax law regarding the assessed valuations of property some eighteen or twenty of the counties of the state will advance one notch in its classification and each county so advancing will cost the taxpayers at least five thousand dollars, perhaps more, each year. It will be remembered that the present valuations on the same property returned last year will be just three times as much, which will put even some of the third class counties into the first class, and where a county jumps two classes it will cost the taxpayers of that county more than ten thousand dollars more than at present. A very nice prospect for the tax payers, indeed.

Racer Won

The ten round boxing contest between Evans and Racer at Folsom, the 4th was a good clean fight. Both boys fought on the square and the people got their money's worth. Racer won the decision on points by a small margin, as there was no knockout. He rushed the fight from start to finish.

Turnip Seed

Now is the time to plant. We have all kinds in bulk. Price 50¢ per pound. Herzstein's.

Mrs. H. E. Curren left for her home at Cloves, N. M., after a visit of a few weeks with friends in Clayton.

Tim Vigil has accepted a position with Rose's Drug Store.

H. C. Abbott, of Mt. Dora, spent Friday in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray and family spent the week in Trinidad.

C. L. Labenski of Wanette, came to Clayton Saturday to buy supplies.

Robt. Murray of the Cimarron, spent several days in Clayton this week.

Miss Belle Parker, Court stenographer, of Raton, arrived in the city Friday.

E. Huber left Saturday for Chickasha, Oklahoma, where he will visit relatives.

Miss Iris Alford has been suffering this week with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. N. F. Gallegos went to Trinidad the early part of the week to visit friends.

For the best shoe work go to Ollie B. Cox. Shop in rear of First National Bank building.

N. C. Light of Greenville, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Clayton on business.

Robt. Maley of the Seneca country spent several days in the city this week on business.

Ollie B. Cox, the shoemaker, has moved his shop to the building next to The News office.

Mrs. B. A. Asmussen came in from the ranch near Delfin Saturday to visit friends and trade.

Judge B. W. Lile, who has spent the past few months in Nevada, Missouri, returned Friday to attend the Union County Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stephenson came in from their ranch on the Seneca to buy ranch supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rixey returned the first of the week from an enjoyable vacation spent in Taos.

New Overland automobile top for sale—\$30.00. Inquire H. Herzstein Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Woodward entertained the men of the court and Mrs. Jno. A. Pace at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. W. Bourus and son, Harry, came in from their ranch near Sedan this week to visit Mr. Bourus of the Citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond and sons, accompanied by Miss Inez Eklund, made a trip to Las Vegas the first of the week.

Jacob W. Weber of Shattuck, Oklahoma, has returned to Clayton to look after his mercantile business at this place.

If you are about to lose your soul (shoe sole) go to the Electric Boot and Shoe Shop. They will save it. Rear of First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Melton and daughter returned this week from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they have spent the past year. The health of Miss Melton is greatly improved.

Hon. Serapio Miera, duly and honestly elected representative of Union county to the state legislature, spent several days in the city this week. Serapio is popular in Clayton as was evidenced by his popular majority over and above the "Jimmy."

Among the teachers who arrived Friday to attend the teachers' institute are the following: Winifred Arnett of Pasamonte, Minnie Bowen of Thomas, Katie Day of Sedan, Misses Ruth and Jean Scott of Greenville, Mrs. Nell Hauser of Hayden, E. Stephens of Vance, Mabel Coulson of Clayton, Misses Ethel and Mattie Cunningham of Coates, Mrs. Mattie Miller of Seneca, Cora Gilliam of Wanette and Fannie Gilles of Kenton.

UNITED STATES HAS BIG CROP

Half a Million More Acres Planted this Year than Last. Wheat Yield will Reach Billion Bushel Mark.

Washington, July 8.—American farmers, confronted with feeding the whole world while Europe is at war, have planted record acreages of all important crops. Moreover, official estimates made public today by the department of agriculture, discloses prospects of production exceeding the average of the last six years in almost every important one. Based on the growing conditions on July 1, some foodstuffs crops give promise of new records. Their money values promise records accordingly. Corn, greatest and most valuable of all American farm products, shows an area of 109,272,000 acres—half a million more than was ever planted before—and is expected to produce 2,814,000,000 bushels. Despite wet and cold weather for seven weeks, which retarded growth and cultivation in the important corn states and forced the conditions 3.5 per cent below the 10-year average, the new crop never the less is estimated to be 107,500,000 bushels greater than the last ten years average.

The outlook for the billion wheat yield continues to grow. Latest estimates raise the prospective production to 963,000,000 bushels, an increase of more than 13,000,000 bushels since the last estimate. Winter wheat, however, shows a 9.7 per cent drop in condition, which reduces its prospective 8,000,000 bushels. That is ascribed to rains in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. Other states were reported practically the same or better than a month ago.

The Russian fly's depredations are not reflected in the report of June. Those reports now at hand in the department of agriculture show that corn, winter wheat, oats, and white and sweet potatoes and rye are growing on record acreages.

American Good Will Valuable

Berlin, July 5.—(Via London)—Admiral von Truppel, in an article in the Der Tag, writes:

"A German-American war, or even a rupture of diplomatic relations, the effect of which would virtually be as great, would injure German prospects more seriously than many believe. Through America at first would be able to contribute little to the military strength of the entente allies except by the accelerations of the munitions supply, it could in time co-operate with considerable land and sea forces and with first-class submarines and aero planes in the complete isolation of Germany. It also could exercise such pressure upon the few remaining neutral countries that these would probably be arrayed actively or passively in the ranks of our enemies.

Admiral von Truppel discounts the stories of earlier existing American agreements with Great Britain against Germany, explaining that this is most improbable owing to American diplomatic traditions.

The Kreuz Zeitung, in its weekly review says that limitations upon submarine operations would cause widespread and deep agitation among the German people. It is probable, however, the newspaper adds, that in the forthcoming note to America a form will be found which will offer a prospect of settling the question so far as passengers are concerned.

Judge Henry Waldo, Dead

Albuquerque, N. M., July 10.—Judge Henry L. Waldo, for many years head of the Santa Fe's legal department in New Mexico, died today at Kansas City. Judge Waldo for many years was attorney general or chief justice of the territory. He leaves three children, one of whom, Helen Waldo Rogers, lives in Las Vegas.

The City Drug Store is the proper place to buy your drugs and drug sundries. Patronize our fountain, the best in northern New Mexico.